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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Substitute Form PTO/SB/08A.

**FORMAL MATTERS**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), an information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed after the period specified in paragraph (b) of this section, provided that the information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and it is accompanied by one of: (1) The statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; or (2) The fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

Therefore, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1710 the fee of \$180.00 which is set forth in § 1.17(p). Also, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be deemed to be appropriate or to provide any refunds in connection with this paper to the same Deposit Account.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Substitute Form PTO/SB/08A be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned agent may be reached in our Chicago. office by telephone at 312-577-8126. All correspondence should be directed to the address given below.

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